**Canadian Environmental Review Assignment**

**Due Date:** Wednesday, November 19, 2014

**Task:** For this assignment it is your task to write an opinion piece, which analyses Canada’s environmental policies. You will review current legislation and evaluate how well the country is interacting with natural systems. Additionally, you will make recommendations for improvement. Your assignment must meet the criteria listed below.

* Includes an original title
* Your name is typed
* Is 3-4 pages, double-spaced
* Written in Times New Roman font, size 12
* Includes a works consulted list

**Guiding Questions:**

* What pieces of legislation protect the environment in Canada?
* Is the current environmental legislation effective?
* Are there any big environmental concerns in Canada? What are they?
* Is the lifestyle of the average Canadian sustainable?
* Are there any lessons Canada could learn from other nations?

**Helpful Websites:**

Environment Canada:

* <http://www.ec.gc.ca/?lang=En>

Natural Resources Canada:

* <http://www.nrcan.gc.ca/home>

Various Newspapers/News Sites:

* <http://www.theglobeandmail.com>
* <http://www.nationalpost.com/index.html>
* <http://www.thestar.com>
* <http://www.cbc.ca/news>
* <http://www.ctvnews.ca>

National Geographic:

* <http://environment.nationalgeographic.com/environment/>

The United Nations:

* <http://www.unep.org>

\*See flip side for rubric

Your will be assessed out of 20 marks, using the rubric below.

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| **Category** | **Level 4**  80-100% | **Level 3**  70-79% | **Level 2**  60-69% | **Level 1**  50-59% |
| **Knowledge & Understanding**  /5 | Demonstrates exceptional understanding of topic and legislation | Demonstrates considerable understanding of topic and legislation | Demonstrates some understanding of topic and legislation | Demonstrates limited understanding of topic and legislation |
| **Thinking and Inquiry**  /5 | Demonstrates thorough analysis of legislation | Demonstrates considerable analysis of legislation | Demonstrates some analysis of legislation | Demonstrates limited analysis  of legislation |
| **Communication**  /5 | Extremely effective at  conveying thoughts with no/few spelling or grammatical errors | Effectively conveys thoughts with some spelling or grammatical errors | Conveys thoughts with some effectiveness and multiple spelling or grammatical errors | Does not convey thoughts effectively and has several spelling or grammatical errors |
| **Application**  /5 | Arguments and examples demonstrate extreme insight | Arguments and examples demonstrate insight | Arguments and examples demonstrate some insight | Arguments and examples demonstrate limited insight |
| **Total**  **/20** | **Comments:** | | | |